

**BLACK'S FORD FISHING ACCESS SITE
BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
DECISION NOTICE**

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region Three, Bozeman
September, 2007**

Proposed Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to remove the existing concrete plank and gravel boat ramp at Black's Ford Fishing Access Site and replace it with a cast-in-place, double wide concrete ramp.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on July 30, 2007.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken for 30 days (through August 31, 2007). The EA was mailed to 23 individuals and groups; legal notices were printed in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, and the *Helena Independent Record*; and the Draft EA was posted on the FWP webpage: <http://fwp.mt.gov/publicnotices/>

Summary of Public Comment

There were no comments received on the proposed project.

Final Environmental Assessment for the Black's Ford Fishing Access Site Boat Ramp Proposal

There are no modifications necessary to the Draft Environmental Assessment based on public comment. The Draft Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and the need for providing an improved boat ramp at Black's Ford Fishing Access Site, it is my decision to proceed with the development project.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project, other than the expansion of this facility and the increased accommodation of the recreating public. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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